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TOPIC 1. Observations at the Letzling Heath

2. Soviet Troops in HILLERSLEBEN.

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REMARKS

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1. Troops were no longer at the camps at the Letzling Heath on 16 November 1949. The northern camp was guarded by German guard personnel.

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2. a. Only a guard detail was in Camp BORN (M 53/Y 52) on 18 November 1949. Troops which had been stationed there during the summer left for an unidentified destination in mid-October 1949.

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b. On the same day the HILLERSLEBEN (M 53/Y 51) kaserne was still occupied by a unit of about 800 men.

(1) Troops were training in the kaserne yard with three AT guns of about 50 mm caliber.

(2) A major, a captain, three first lieutenants and 25 EM wearing black-bordered red epaulets left HILLERSLEBEN, going on furlough.

(3) Local residents said that personnel going on, or returning from, furlough, were observed daily at the VAILDORF (M 53/Y 51) railroad station.

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Comment:

a. The report confirms that the Letzling Heath troop training grounds was vacated by troops upon completion of the Fall maneuvers (October 1949).

b. According to previous information the units stationed in HILLERSLEBEN included the engineer battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.

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